

Dear FCC,

Please do not allow Sinclair Broadcasting to air their anti-Kerry hatchet job before the election. From my understanding before the governor's recall election, Arnold Swartzenegger movies were not broadcast in California because they could influence the election. Certainly if Sinclair is allowed to broadcast their unsubstantiated hit job, Kerry should get equal time to rebut or just broadcast Fahrenheit 911.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.